

Application No.: 10/089,532Docket No.: H0681.0007

REMARKS

Claims 21 - 22, 24, 26 - 37, and 40 - 41 are in the case. Claims 22, 24, 26, 28, 31, 34, 37, and 40 - 41¹ were allowed. Claims 1 - 20, 23, 25, and 38 - 39 were canceled without prejudice. Claims 21, 27, 29, 35 - 36, and 40 were amended to advance the allowance of the subject application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the subject application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for the reasons stated on page 2 of the Office Action.

In response, applicant canceled claims 23 and 25 and amended claim 21 to depend from allowed claim 24. Claims 27 and 29 were rewritten to include limitations in claim 23 with appropriate amendments to address the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection. In view of the above amendments, the above rejection is believed to be overcome.

Claims 21, 23 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,365,246 to *Rasinger et al.* for the reasons stated on pages 2 and 3 of the Action.

To advance the allowance of the subject application, applicant canceled claims 23 and 25 without prejudice and amended claim 21 to depend from the allowed claim 24. Accordingly, the subject rejection is moot.

Claims 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, and 36 were indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and to include all limitations in the base claim and any intervening claims.

¹ Although claims 40 and 41 are not commented on in the Detailed Action, they were indicated as allowed in the Office Action Summary. In addition, Examiner Wimer confirmed on 12/05/05 that claims 40 and 41 had been allowed.

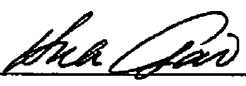
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In response, applicant amended claims 27 and 29 to include limitations in their base claim 23 and amendments to address the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection to claim 23. Accordingly, claims 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, and 36 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

No fee is believed to be due for this Amendment. Should any fees be required, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

Respectfully submitted,

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